

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 78

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Patsy Harrison Keen on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Harrison Keen is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-six years as an employee of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Keen, who worked with three Registers during her exemplary career in the Sumner County Register of Deeds Office, took a much deserved retirement in January of 2007; and

WHEREAS, she started her tenure with Sumner County working as a part-time employee in the Registrar of Voters Office; she soon moved to the Register of Deeds Office during J.B. Rippy's administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Keen has seen many changes during her years of public service: When she started working in 1970, the Register of Deeds office was located in the old courthouse; it was relocated to the old post office before moving to its current location in the Sumner County Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, she also experienced first hand the birth of technology in her office as handwritten transactions quickly became a function of the past, being replaced instead with a completely computerized system; and

WHEREAS, professional accomplishments aside, Patsy Keen is the loving mother of two children, Becky York and Barry Keen, and proud grandmother of three, Brandon, Dusty, and Miranda; and

WHEREAS, she is a devout member of Long Creek Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of Westmoreland, Patsy Harrison Keen exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the vast number of people with whom she has had contact; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Patsy Harrison Keen our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we honor her singular career in public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.